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Lawrence University is one of the country's best institutions for undergraduate education, according to The Princeton Review. The education services company features Lawrence in its new 2012 edition of "The Best 376 Colleges."



Approximately 15 percent of America's 2,500 four-year colleges and three colleges outside the United States are profiled in the book. Colleges chosen for the list are rated in eight categories including academics, admissions selectivity, financial aid, campus quality of life and environmental awareness and responsibility.

Says Robert Franek, Princeton Review's publisher and author of "The Best 376 Colleges," "We commend Lawrence University for its outstanding academics, which is the primary criteria for our selection of schools for the book."

Lawrence received a rating of 92 (the highest possible score for all colleges was 99) for academics.

"We are especially pleased to be recognized for the high quality of Lawrence's academic programs," said David Burrows, provost and dean of the faculty. "We are proud of our emphasis on

individualized learning and preparation for a life of effective, ethical action in the contemporary world, and it is wonderful that Princeton Review shares our enthusiasm for this form of education.”

The Princeton Review’s ratings are based on institutional data, visits to schools over the years, feedback from students attending the schools, and the opinions of its staff and a 28-member National College Counselor Advisory Board. The Princeton Review does not rank colleges in the book from 1 to 376 in any category.

In a “Survey Says ” sidebar in the book’s profile on Lawrence, The Princeton Review lists topics that students surveyed for the book were in most agreement about. The Lawrence list includes:

- No one cheats
- Lab facilities are great
- Students are friendly
- Campus feels safe
- Low cost of living
- Students are happy
- Musical organizations are popular
- Theater is popular

Lawrence joins just four other Wisconsin colleges for the “best colleges” distinction: Beloit College, Marquette University, Ripon College and UW-Madison. “The Best 376 Colleges” is the 20th edition of The Princeton Review’s annual best colleges book.

